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E.O. 12356:N/A TAGS: ELAB, PHUM, SOCI, CONG SUBJECT: RWANDA: CHILD LABOR STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, RWANDAN LAW STRICTLY

PROHIBITS EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS. ACCORDING TO RWANDAN. LAW, EXCEPT IN THE SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE SECTOR, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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KIGALI 04006 101307Z PAGE 02 INVOLVES MOST RWANDANS, CHILDREN UNDER 18 ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WORK WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' AUTHORIZATION, AND THEY MAY WORK AT NIGHT ONLY UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

2. LABOR LAWS SET THE MINIMUM AGE FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT AT 18 YEARS OF AGE AND FOR APPRENTICESHIPS AT 14 YEARS OF AGE, PROVIDING THE CHILD HAS COMPLETED PRIMARY SCHOOL. THE MINISTER OF LABOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT, HAS THE RIGHT TO PERMIT A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 14 TO WORK, BUT THIS HAS REPORTEDLY NEVER BEEN

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TESTED IN PRACTICE. ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD LABOR LAWS IS LAX; BUT, APART FROM CHILDREN WORKING IN FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES, CHILD LABOR OUTSIDE THE AGRICULTURAL SECTPR IS UNCOMMON. FLATENS

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